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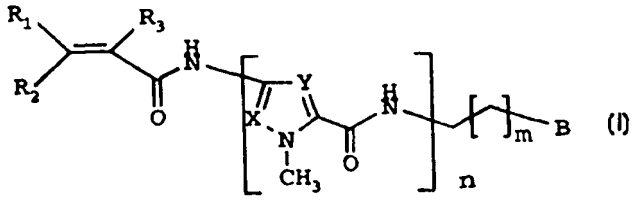

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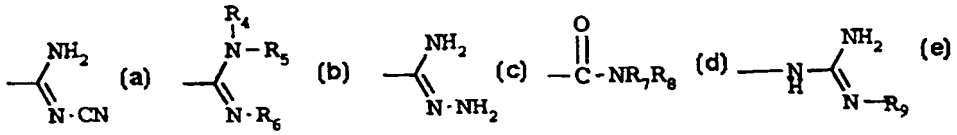

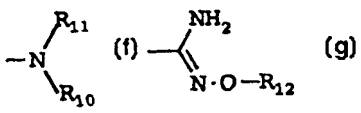

(57) Abstract

Compounds which are acryloyl substituted distamycin derivatives of formula (I) wherein: n is 2, 3 or 4; m is 1 or 2; X and Y are the same or different and are selected, independently for each heterocyclic ring of the polyetherocyclic chain, from N and CH; R_1 and R_2, which are the same or different, are selected from hydrogen, halogen, and C_1–C_4 alkyl; R_3 is hydrogen or halogen; B is selected from (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and –C≡N; wherein R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, R_{10}, R_{11}, and R_{12} are, independently from each other, hydrogen or C_1–C_4 alkyl; and R_9 is hydrogen or hydroxy; or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; provided that a) at least one of R_4, R_5 and R_6 is alkyl; b) at least one of the heterocyclic rings within the polyheterocyclic chain is other than pyrrole; and c) X and Y are not both N for the same heterocyclic ring; are useful as antitumor agents.